

Statewide Flood Management Planning Program

The Statewide Flood Management Planning Program is led by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) through the FloodSAFE Initiative and the Division of Integrated Statewide Water Management in collaboration with Federal, Tribal, State and local governments throughout California.

The SFMP Program was developed under the FloodSAFE Initiative to expand the focus of California's flood management planning statewide. The purpose of the SFMP Program is to make recommendations to guide State and Federal flood management policies and investments in the coming decades by:

- Promoting understanding of flood risks in California
- Garnering active support for partnerships at the Federal, State and local levels
- Coordinating with other California Department of Water Resources (DWR) planning efforts
- Identifying strategies and feasible next steps in integrated flood management (IFM)
- Informing local flood management organizations of IFM strategies
- Developing recommendations to improve integrated flood management throughout the state

The Department of Water Resources is collaborating with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to produce the Flood Future Report, which will help guide Federal and State decisions about policies and financial investments related to integrated flood management throughout California.

California promotes an integrated approach to statewide flood management, which includes improving public safety, reducing flood damages, enhancing environmental stewardship and improving water supply reliability.

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Flood Future: Recommendations for Managing California's Flood Risk

The Statewide Flood Management Planning Program will release a report in 2012 titled *Flood Future: Recommendations for Managing California's Flood Risk (Flood Future Report)*.

The *Flood Future Report* is an initial step to identifying flood management issues statewide and developing recommendations to help address these issues. The *Flood Future Report* will explore financing, institutional, legislative and policy strategies to help chart a path forward to meet current and future challenges.

DWR used a three step process to develop the *Flood Future Report*:

1. Collect information from Federal, State and local agencies to identify current and future exposure to flood hazards; and identify where information gaps exist.
2. Identify current and planned flood management projects throughout California, and identify strategies to improve integrated flood management.
3. Summarize key findings from the first two steps. Make recommendations for how Federal and State government agencies can assist local implementation of integrated flood management improvements.

Statewide Flood Management Planning and the California Water Plan

Statewide flood management is being addressed in the 2013 California Water Plan Flood Caucus, whose members include floodplain managers, local maintaining agencies and other organizations deeply involved in flood management.

The California Water Plan provides a collaborative planning framework for elected officials, agencies, Tribes, water and resource managers, businesses, academia, stakeholders, and the public to develop findings and recommendations and make informed decisions for California's water future. The California Water Plan evaluates different combinations of regional and statewide resource management strategies to reduce water demand, increase water supply, reduce flood risk, improve water quality, and enhance environmental and resource stewardship.

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About FloodSAFE

The Department of Water Resources launched FloodSAFE in 2006 to address the increasing flood risks throughout California. FloodSAFE is a multi-faceted initiative designed to improve flood management in the State, using a system-wide approach while also carrying out regional projects, and enhancing DWR's core flood management programs already in place. FloodSAFE has five primary goals:

- Reduce the chance of flooding
- Reduce the consequences of flooding
- Sustain economic growth
- Protect and enhance ecosystems
- Promote sustainability of the flood management system